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In re Application of:

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For: *Method of producing aluminum  
hydroxides by precipitating aluminum  
salts in the presence of seed crystals*

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop RCE  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 7, 2006, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.